

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 391**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Pan**

February 14, 2011

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An act to add and repeal Section 14236 of the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to workforce development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 391, as introduced, Pan. Workforce development: one-stop career centers.

Existing law provides for the payment of unemployment compensation benefits to eligible unemployed persons during the period that the person is unemployed, and requires the Employment Development Department to implement and administer the unemployment compensation program. Existing law, the California Workforce Investment Act, declares that it is the intent of the Legislature to deliver comprehensive workforce services to job seekers, students, and employers through a system of one-stop career centers to, among other things, make job outreach, intake, job search and placement assistance, and other related services available in one location.

This bill would require the department, commencing on or before July 1, 2012, to provide unemployment insurance benefits assistance in at least one comprehensive one-stop career center in each workforce investment area, as prescribed. The bill would require that the unemployment benefit assistance services required to be provided at these one-stop career centers be funded with existing moneys available to the department for the administration of the unemployment compensation program, as specified. These provisions would remain in effect through December 31, 2015.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 14236 is added to the Unemployment  
2     Insurance Code, to read:  
3     14236. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, commencing on  
4     or before July 1, 2012, the department shall provide in-person  
5     unemployment insurance benefits assistance in at least one  
6     comprehensive one-stop career center in each workforce investment  
7     area, as described in the Workforce Investment Act, as follows:  
8     (1) The department shall ensure that customer service personnel  
9     at those career centers are fully trained regarding the policy, laws,  
10    and regulations governing eligibility, claims processing, and  
11    procedures for the payment of unemployment compensation  
12    benefits to eligible individuals.  
13    (2) Printed information regarding eligibility and the process for  
14    filing claims for unemployment compensation benefits shall be  
15    made available at those one-stop career centers.  
16    (b) The unemployment benefit assistance services required to  
17    be provided at one-stop career centers pursuant to subdivision (a)  
18    shall be funded with existing moneys available to the department  
19    for the administration of the unemployment insurance  
20    compensation program. The department shall reallocate existing  
21    resources, including staff and equipment to implement the  
22    assistance required to be provided under this section. The  
23    department shall also work with the state's one-stop career center  
24    partners to use existing resources and office space in one-stop  
25    career centers to accommodate customer service personnel.  
26    (c) This section shall remain in effect only until the end of the  
27    calendar day of December 31, 2015, and as of that date is repealed,  
28    unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted on or before December  
29    31, 2015, deletes or extends that date.

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